

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2961 - SB 3115

February 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a combat veteran, who is a current Tennessee resident or whose home of record for military purposes is Tennessee and who is a student at a public institution of higher education, to register for classes prior to the general student population. Requires the early registration process for combat veterans to occur using the same procedure used by student athletes, disabled students, or honor students, if such groups are permitted to register early. Defines "combat veteran" as a person who has entered and served honorably in the United State Armed Forces on active duty, active National Guard or active reserves, during a period of war recognized by the federal Department of Veteran's Affairs or Department of Defense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Board of Regents, additional staff time will be necessary to process approximately 700 combat veterans (200 TBR and 500 UT) and ensure that they are combat veterans. However, new staff will not be hired to process these early registrants.
- Any increase in state expenditures will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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